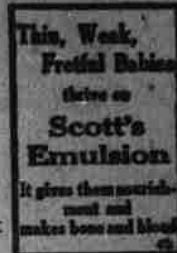




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Greatest Vote Offer of Contest Now On.

Double Votes on All Subscriptions Turned in Between Feb. 28th and March 13th. In Addition to This Big Inducement, We Will Give 5,000 Extra Votes on Every New Subscription Turned in Before 8 P. M. Thursday, March 6th. We Guarantee This to be the Very Best Vote Offer of the Contest So Far in All Possible Subscriptions This Week.

HELP YOUR FAVORITE NOW

Now is the Time Your Subscription Will Do the Most Good. Hand in your Subscription—Get Your Friends to Subscribe and Make Your "Favorite" a Winner.

The greatest Vote Offer of the contest is now on and all contestants should put forth their very best efforts and take full advantage of it. Double Votes will be given on both old and new subscriptions turned in this office between the dates of Feb. 28th and March 13th. In addition to this big vote inducement, we will give 5,000 extra votes on every NEW SUBSCRIPTION—no matter what length it may be—that is turned in to this office before 8 p. m. Thursday, March 6th. Read this carefully for it is two offers in one and one of these offers—which is the best, closes at 8 p. m. on March 6th, giving you just about a week to take advantage of it. In order that the contestants living outside of town may have an equal opportunity with those living in Louisa, subscriptions will be accepted and votes counted under this offer if the envelope is postmarked not later than 8 p. m. March 6th. This enables the contestants at a distance to work right up until the moment and send in their subscriptions by mail. No contestants afford to waste any opportunity to secure subscriptions now for WE GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS POSITIVELY THE BIGGEST AND BEST VOTE OFFER of the contest.

Turn In Subscriptions.

Turn in subscriptions as early as possible in the week and then we will issue the vote ballots and send them back to you and you can hold the ballots until the last day of the contest if you wish. There is nothing to be gained by holding back the subscriptions and it will greatly facilitate the work of the contest department if you send in the subscriptions you have on hand at once. If you attempt to hold back your subscriptions with the expectation of getting bigger votes, you are going to be greatly disappointed for as the contest nears



MISS JENNIE BROMLEY.

A charming young lady from this city who is a great favorite in the big race, Miss Bromley is making a quiet but most effective campaign and will undoubtedly be seen among the leaders at the last. She is a great favorite among her friends who are helping her all they can.

In the end, the vote schedule will keep getting smaller. If you have not been active in the race so far, get busy at once for this is your opportunity to gain a lead and clinch a prize.

Don't waste any more of this valuable time for on what work you do during the next few days will probably depend your success or defeat at the end. Think of the honor and glory of winning in this great race for fame and fortune and think what this most magnificent vote inducement means to you.

Cash Your Prizes.

Have you made up that list of friends, neighbors, relatives and acquaintances whom you have not yet approached. If you have not, you



MISS NELLIE RIFFE.

District No. 1.

Today we present to you one of Yatesville's "Favorites" in this big race for glory and prizes. Miss Riffe has made a strong aggressive race so far and will have to be reckoned with when this race comes to a close on March 22nd. Her many friends are glad to see that she is doing so well and are helping her all they can so that she may win the prize she desires. She certainly deserves their support for she is trying hard to put Yatesville on the contest map.

should do so at once and lose no time in getting into communication with them. Remember, also all those persons whom you saw earlier in the contest who put you off until a later date. Communicate with all of these; explain to them that you get the biggest votes for your efforts now and under the circumstances they won't refuse to help you. It is bargain time in this record breaking contest and you simply cannot afford to fall to avail yourself in the fullest of this magnificent offer.

If you secured a subscription earlier in the contest and can now get the subscriber to pay more, we will give you the difference in votes. Send the printed letters or call by telephone, all of your friends that you cannot reach personally. We will furnish you all the letters and receipt books that you need and would advise you to send out several hundred letters.

Put Forth Your Best Efforts.

If you fail to take advantage of this—the biggest and best offer—you are jeopardizing your chances of being a WINNER in this great race. Redouble your efforts from now until the close. It all depends on your own and on what you and your friends DO NOW whether you will be the proud owner of one of those valuable prizes after the contest is over. RIGHT NOW—at once—is the time to hustle. When you are pacing back and forth on the closing night waiting for the judges to announce the results of the contest, your regrets that you have wasted precious moments will avail you nothing. Right now is the time to get the subscriptions that will make you a winner—let the others do the regretting after the final count.

Close Of Contest.

The contest will close on March 22nd. Further details and rules for this closing day will be published in a later issue. It is sufficient to say that the vote schedule will be much smaller at the close than it is now, so RIGHT NOW is the right time to get busy and clinch one of those valuable prizes.

The Capital Prize.

The contestants and their friends are cordially invited to call and inspect the handsome ROYAL PIANO which is the first prize in this great race for glory and prizes. Since it has been placed on display at Conley's Jewelry Store, it has been viewed by hundreds and hundreds of people and all say that the contestant who wins it certainly will be the proud owner of a very fine instrument. It was purchased especially for this contest from the Fulton Music Company, of Frankfort, Ky. All the other prizes will also be placed on display as soon as they arrive.

Several Names Withdrawn.

Several names have been cut off the list the past week and more names will be cut off before the next issue if some of the others do not show some inclination to make an active race. We do not wish to cut off the name of any contestant who intends to try for the prizes and if we have done so in any instance, we will be glad to put it back on the list if the material is furnished.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED.

Readers of the NEWS will remember the case of the two sons of William Fisher, who were tried at the last term of the Lawrence Circuit court and convicted of false swearing and sentenced to confinement in the school of Reform. They appealed their case to the Court of Appeals, which has lately affirmed the judgment of the court below. The following is the opinion of the court:

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 21.—In affirming the sentence to the House of Reform imposed on Ben and Frank Fisher by the Lawrence Circuit court, for false swearing, Judge Turner, delivering the opinion this morning for the Court of Appeals said:

"False swearing is one of the most prevalent crimes of the day, and breeds countless other crimes; but there is no crime more degrading to the man guilty of it, or more demoralizing to the community in which it is tolerated. No one thing could redound more to the welfare of Kentucky than the uplift of citizenship than an awakening on this subject, which would bring about a rigid enforcement of our laws against perjury."

The boys were convicted of swearing falsely in their own behalf, when accused of shooting off firearms in the public highway.

BETTER COUNTY ROADS

Hoped For Under System to be Tried in Lawrence County.

County Road Engineer B. J. Calloway has completed a survey of the main road from Louisa to upper Blaine and is now surveying the road from Louisa to Webbville. The object of the survey is to get full information about the roads for the purpose of letting contracts to maintain them. The plan is to divide them into sections of two miles and let contracts to the lowest bidders for repaving and maintaining. The contractor will be required to use all road hands the full number of days specified by law and the county will receive credit for these men on the contract. Being a new plan it is deemed best to try it out this year on only the two roads mentioned. If successful, the method will be adopted for the entire county.

We are very glad to see this plan put into use here. Similar ones have been in operation in other counties and States for years and the results are highly satisfactory. With proper restrictions and close supervision it is undoubtedly the best system known. It is to the interest of the contractor to eliminate a mud hole or other trouble as soon as it starts, and this is the secret of road maintenance. A little attention at the right time saves most of the trouble.

Another good thing Mr. Calloway is projecting is the use of the split log drag. This is the most practical road implement known, and the cost is so small as to be insignificant. Properly used it will work a revolution in the condition of our roads.

Also, the Road Engineer proposes to substitute metal culverts for the expensive and unsatisfactory wooden culverts heretofore used. The hill roads are to be properly ditched and culverts put in at proper distances to carry off the water and prevent washouts.

No money will be spent on pieces of road located in creeks, in heavy sand, and other bad places. If changes to proper locations can not be made now no money will be wasted on the bad places.

TWO NEW WELLS.

One is Nearer Louisa Than Any Yet Drilled.

The Tabor's creek well was shot Tuesday and shows some improvement. It is estimated all the way from six to ten barrels per day.

The Louisa Drilling company will start the drill on a well on the W. V. Roberts farm at Cadmus Monday. Al. Garver, a member of the drilling firm, will be in charge. The New Domain is having the work done.

The Wayne Oil company will begin drilling to-day on Jas. Q. Lackey's farm, two miles below Louisa.

DEAD—DRUNK.

Late on Tuesday some boys found an apparently dead man in a box car a short distance below the freight depot. The Marshal was notified and the man was examined. He was found to be dead drunk and suffering from cold and exposure. He was taken to the lock up and made comfortable. On the following morning he was released and told to travel, which he did.

R. C. McClure was in Pikeville last week on legal business.

GREATEST OF ALL.

The Elkhorn Coal Field of Eastern Kentucky Breaks all Records.

The following is a continuation of the article last week from the Manufacturers Record, of Baltimore:

All of these facts are of special interest when we turn to publications made in the Manufacturers Record more than 25 years ago, in which special correspondents and noted experts told of the vast resources of the Southwest Virginia and Elkhorn fields, and of the certainty of that region becoming one of the great coke-making centers of America. In 1886 the Manufacturers Record sent a special correspondent across the mountains of North Carolina and out through the Elkhorn field on a horseback reconnaissance with General John T. Wilder, who was then planning the building of the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad. General Wilder, who is still living in Knoxville, Tenn., was one of the pioneer coke iron makers of the South, having settled in Tennessee immediately after the war and begun active development of iron interests.

To our special correspondent who accompanied him on that trip, General Wilder, speaking of the Elkhorn and Southwest Virginia coking coal fields, said:

"I have never seen or read anything like it. God Almighty set his forces to work ages ago to create this tremendous upheaval. Volcanoes and earthquakes were the mighty agencies employed to lift these vast masses of carbon from subterranean depths and fasten them in their places high above the valleys until they were needed."

Though General Wilder was unable, because he was in advance of the times, and because capital in sufficient amount could not then be raised to carry out so gigantic an undertaking as the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad, his vision of the possibilities of that territory and what a railroad through the Clinchfield Railroad, operating from Spartanburg, S. C., into the great coal fields around Dante, Va., and an extension of which is now under way to the Breaks of the Sandy, where it will meet the Big Sandy branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio.

The building of this Big Sandy line a few days ago fulfilled Wilder's dreams as to that portion of the territory from the Breaks of the Sandy to Ashland, Ky. The Clinchfield, built at a cost of about \$125,000 a mile, is a far different railroad from any that could have been built in 1886, even if capital could have been available to carry out General Wilder's plans, for no one would then have dared to build such a railroad as is the Clinchfield and at such an outlay as that cost.

On July 31, 1886, the Manufacturers Record, in a lengthy editorial based on a report made by its special correspondent who traveled with General Wilder in this preliminary investigation, said:

"The Elkhorn vein of coal of Eastern Kentucky and which it is believed extends into Southern West Virginia, and the character of which has only recently been developed, is claimed to be the most valuable bed of coking coal in the United States. This bed has already been proven up over an area of 700 square miles and shows much less percentage of ash—in some cases as low as 3 per cent.—and less sulphur and other deleterious properties, and is more compact in texture and of a stronger bearing surface in the furnace than the coke of Connellsville. Proofs and developments such as these substantiate the prophecy of the late Prof. Wm. B. Rogers of the Technological School of Boston, that in this territory will be hereafter found the seat of the great iron industry of the world. Other than the great wealth and possibilities of this region, as shown by the statements made, the canal coal of West Virginia and Kentucky is a factor of vast importance. Here, as nowhere else in the world as to quality, is found this deposit, while in quantity, with the exception of the very limited supply of the Bog Head coal of England—a coal so limited in supply as to be in no sense a competitor—is its equal to be found."

The late Edward Atkinson of Boston, one of the far-seeing political economists of the age in an article printed more than 20 years ago in the Manufacturers Record dealing with the future of the iron interests of the South, referred to this Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky region and adjacent territory as containing mineral and timber resources equal to those of Great Britain and France combined.

In view of the tens of millions of dollars which are being poured into Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia through the railroad operations of the Clinchfield, the Louisville & Nashville, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads, and through the vast purchases of coal lands for development on a scale commensurate with the wealth of that territory, it has seemed worth while republishing these statements about that field made

by the Manufacturers Record nearly 27 years ago. The predictions then made are now being more than fulfilled. Into that region is being concentrated railroad forces striving to secure strategic locations in a coke region destined to supplant the Connellsville field, and to these operations are being added vast capital and limitless energy, of great coal operators who are concentrating their development forces for the utilization of the rich resources of that territory which for so many years was held back by the lack of transportation facilities, waiting what might be called the psychological moment for the broad development of the present day.

It is interesting in this connection to note that Boston capitalists who a quarter of a century ago loaned money to General Wilder in his efforts to build the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad, through the Elkhorn field, and to these operations are being added vast capital and limitless energy, of great coal operators who are concentrating their development forces for the utilization of the rich resources of that territory which for so many years was held back by the lack of transportation facilities, waiting what might be called the psychological moment for the broad development of the present day.

It might be interesting to speculate upon what might have been the iron and steel interests of the country at the present time if the Merritts of Duluth, who at one time controlled a large portion of the Mesaba ore field, had been able to carry through their plans and unite the vast ore resources of the Mesaba with the property owned by the Big Sandy company in the Eastern field, which was the plan under consideration when Mr. Mitchell considered more than a quarter of a century ago made the first report on the Elkhorn coal field for the Merritts, who then had in mind the purchase of the Big Sandy company's property, believing that they were able to continue their control of the Mesaba district. If they had not lost control of the Mesaba region, through their inability to meet the loans which had been made to them by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the writer of the history of the iron and steel interests of the country would have had a different story to tell than that which has been written into the life of American industry.

TO THE CORN GROWERS.

Instructions Sent Out by the U. S. Agricultural Department.

SELECTION OF LAND.

1. See that land is well drained and as fertile as can be secured on the farm.
2. If possible to obtain, an acre not cultivated in corn last year is most desirable.
3. If there is a fall plowed field of clover or other sod, cow pea or pasture land on the farm, select an acre from that.

FERTILIZING.

1. Use an abundance of well-rotted stable manure is obtainable. Apply after land is plowed and work into soil thoroughly (25 tons is not too much if well worked in.) Part of the manure may be applied before plowing if thought best.
2. If commercial fertilizer is used, analyze as nearly as possible, nitrogen 2 - 3 per cent, phosphoric acid 5 - 10 per cent, and potash 4 - 6 per cent. is recommended. From 250 lbs. to 500 lbs. per acre should be drilled in to the ground with a wheat drill about two weeks before planting. (Do not put fertilizer in the hill.)

PREPARATION OF SEED BED.

1. BREAKING.
 - a. Fall breaking is best.
 - b. For spring breaking turn soil not less than 8 inches and deeper if not more than an inch of clay subsoil is turned up. Better plow 12 - 16 inches deep if the subsoil permits.
2. PULVERIZING. Before planting thoroughly fine the soil as deep as possible, using disk or cutting harrow until manure is thoroughly mixed with soil. The land should be like a garden or ash pile.

SEED. Get your seed corn from the best crop that has grown in your section of the country. The variety does not matter so that it is known to have high yielding qualities. (If you have trouble in getting satisfactory seed inform your County Superintendent and it will be attended to.)

HAD LEG AMPUTATED.

It was found necessary to amputate the right leg of Elka Vinson, who was so badly hurt on the head of Wolfe creek, Martin county, and on Saturday morning last Dr. L. H. York successfully performed the operation. The leg was taken off at what surgeons call the junction of the middle and lower third. Dr. A. W. Bromley, of Louisa, and Dr. Hardwick, of Huntington assisted in the work. Young Vinson is doing well.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Small Children Lose Their Lives in Similar Manner.

The two-year-old child of Mont Ball, formerly of Dry Ridge, this county but now of Columbus, O., was accidentally burned to death at his home last Monday. The body was brought to the old home place for interment. Mont Ball is a son of Eliza Ball, who is well known in this section.

The unfortunate child lost its young life under very peculiar and distressing circumstances. The child had gone to sleep in a down stairs room, when the mother warmed a blanket at the fire, wrapped her child in it and carried it up stairs and placed it on a bed and returned to the lower floor. Shortly afterward she heard screams and rushed back, only to see her baby wrapped in the flames which caused its untimely death. It is supposed that in warming the blanket it caught on fire, but the mother did not see the flame and enveloped the child in what proved to be the cause of its awful fate.

On Sunday last a three years old boy, the son of John Thompson who lives in West Virginia a short distance above Saltwater, was burned so badly that death resulted in a short time. It is the same old story. The child was playing near a fire in an open fireplace. The blouse caught its clothing and before the flames could be extinguished the fatal injuries were caused. Dr. Ira Wellman of this city was called and he did all that was possible for the little fellow's relief, but without avail.

THE TROUBADOUR TRIO.

The entertainment given at Jenkins by Miss Katharine Freese and Mrs. Guy Atkinson, of Louisa, and Mr. Nelson Weedon, of Ashland, on Wednesday of last week was an entire success. Every number on a long programme was heartily applauded and encored, the big audience seeming never tired of the exquisite singing of Miss Freese, the artistic elocution of Mrs. Atkinson and the splendid piano playing of Mr. Weedon. The NEWS is informed that these delightful three will soon visit some neighboring towns and cities and give their excellent, high class entertainment. This paper can truthfully say that the "Show" is well worth all its costs to see it.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE.

The M. E. Church South of Louisa is having plans made for a new church building. A committee was appointed recently to procure plans and take other preliminary steps toward the enterprise. The committee consists of Dr. T. D. Burgess, M. S. Burns, Augustus Snyder, T. B. Thompson and A. O. Carter. The edifice will cost somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000. A considerable sum already has been offered.

FOUR CITIZENS CALLED.

From This Vicinity by the Messenger of Death This Week.

Lewis Atkins, a prominent merchant and farmer of Zelida, this county, died at his home early last Wednesday morning. He had suffered from Bright's disease quite a long time, but his death was sudden and unexpected. He was buried by Apperson Lodge No. 195, F. & A. M. of this city, on Friday. Interment was at Zelida. The deceased was the father of George and Ora Atkins, Mrs. J. S. Wellman and Mrs. W. D. Clarke, of this place, and Mrs. J. A. Shannon, of Huntington, and was about 68 years old.

Mr. Atkins was for many years a resident of this city. Several years ago he moved to Zelida, where he remained until his death. He was a successful business man and is said to have acquired considerable property.

Farrow Webb, aged 26 years, married, died Tuesday at his home on the ridge between Mill creek and Big Hurricane, not far from Fort Gay. He was a son of William Webb. He was buried Wednesday. The Rev. H. B. Hewlett, of Louisa officiating.

Mrs. Luther Spears died at her home near Fort Gay, W. Va., on last Tuesday, of consumption. A husband and a baby two months old survive. She had been married less than two years. She was a daughter of Frank Bartram and was a good woman.

Francis Booth died of gas-trite at his home near Echo, W. Va., last Monday. He had been in poor health for some time.